

**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 209****Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Support EMT-I level & courses

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

I apologize for my absence at the Richmond town hall meeting. I was unavailable due to another meeting. I would like to advocate for VA maintaining the Intermediate level for all of us who are already Intermediates. I would support VA permitting future Intermediate courses and developing a State level written and practical testing to mimic that of the NR testing.

I have been an EMS provider in VA for almost 17 years now, with 15 of those years as an ALS provider. I began as a Cardiac Tech and then bridged to Intermediate. I have never been a Nationally Registered Intermediate though. It is impossible for me to take a Paramedic course due to the clinical requirements. As an employee of the VA Department of Health Professions, I cannot work in a setting where a licensee of my agency would directly supervise or sign off on my performance as it is a conflict of interest. Therefore, I also cannot participate in any clinical experiences where licensees of DHP supervise my performance. While I realize this situation is isolated to me based on my employment, I know that others may face similar issues based on work and time restrictions. Also Intermediate courses are often less expensive and take less time than Paramedic courses, which may fit better into some providers' schedules and budgets.

I am very proud to be an Intermediate, as I was proud to be a CT. I believe that VA is the type of state that stands out for it's uniqueness and that the OEMS has never shy'd away from supporting various levels of providers. OEMS supported the CT level for years which showed the agency's support for a level not recognized nationally, but that proved useful to the VA EMS system. I value my certification level and strive to provide the best care that I can at both a BLS and ALS level. I believe that Intermediates can be just as knowledgeable and sometimes more experienced than some Paramedics. I have trained several Paramedics at my squad, most of which have become stellar ALS providers. In summary, I would support maintaining the Intermediate level as well as permitting future Intermediate courses. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Organizational Representation**

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 550**

**Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Does not Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

Virginia Office of EMS needs to move to the National standard and do away with EMT-I; the certification will be indefeasible in court if challenged, OMD's are removing more skills and will continue to move in that direction making the Certification no longer ALS, Insurance companies are not going to accept the certification for ALS care given due to not following national standard and skill depletion.

It's a prime time to do away with the certification by 2019 and follow the National Consensus. The longer the state drags this out the more problems arise and departments will not lead on there own. Don't make the same mistakes that were made with the cardiac tech certification and stop make up certifications.

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 603****Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

It seems that we have had much success over the years with Intermediate within Virginia. I have been an Intermediate for 12 + years and have run many successful calls. I understand and respect the idea of the training between the Paramedic and Intermediate but for years we both practiced at the same level or very close even with the training differences. The citizens of Virginia absolutely deserve the best EMS care and up to now that has been the case.

The cost involved is an issue for alot. You can attend class in another state, gaining the ability to test Intermediate to Paramedic testing for less than a third of cost to gain the same in Virginia. Having to gain this through an accredited college, in most cases in Virginia, can run cost over \$4000 plus for a student which many cannot reach or afford.

A comment has come up recently that more Paramedics are being certified in the recent years than in past. In some cases I would like to ask if they had been able to maintain their Intermediate and practice to our old standards would they have stayed at the Intermediate level and not proceeded to Paramedic.

Virginia is it own state and Intermediates have been there for many years for its citizens. Make it more reachable for us, if you chose this processes to Paramedic; control cost, time and availability for classes for the Intermediates. As I been told a few times by state employees. Intermediates in Virginia were and are trained above most other states and therefore better qualified. Let's take advantage of that for our state. I would like to see a Virginia Paramedic not necessarily National Registry associated, I plan to stay in Virginia only to practice, based on 12+ years as a Virginia Intermediate.

**Name**

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**Organizational Representation**

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 630**

**Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Question

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

Has there been any thought of having a Intermediate to Paramedic bridge, similar to the Cardiac to Intermediate bridge years ago. Some providers cannot take time off from work, and spend thousands of dollars to become a NREMT-P. For myself, I am happy as intermediate, but the rising cost of EMT classes and above are getting out of hand. This is part of the problem with the decline of the EMS volunteers in the commonwealth. Teach us what we did not get in Intermediate class and let us become paramedics in the state. Thank You

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 633**

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Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

I support allowing those certified to maintain there cert. I am concerned on how this will affect grants, liability issues and poorer level of service if the state wastes money on Intermediate.

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 692**

**Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

I have no public comment regarding the future of Intermediate in Virginia other than I completely support the Training & Certification Committee/Medical Direction Committee Proposal presented in the Townhall.

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 766**

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Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

As a current EMT-Intermediate, I feel that the Intermediate is a valuable and irreplaceable member of the EMS provider skill set. It is also a cost effective mirror of the Paramedic. As stated in the presentation, there are localities in the commonwealth that cannot afford to send prospective ALS providers to Paramedic training. So, the Intermediate fills that need. The AEMT(or Enhanced) serves a limited ALS role, similar to the older EMT-I/85. It would be to our detriment to begin to believe that the AEMT, unless regional OMDs are willing to add skill-sets to their respective AEMTs, can effectively replace the multitude of skills that the Intermediate has. One proposal I have in mind to solve the [problem of a certification exam is to research Maryland's EMS department and devise a similar system.

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 4032**

**Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

Leave it don't change a good thing ,but as always Richmond does what they wish

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**Organizational Representation**

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**Intermediate Town Hall Public Comments : Entry # 4701**

**Do you support the Training and Certification Committee (TCC)/Medical Direction Committee (MDC) Proposal Presented in the Townhall?**

Does not Support Intermediate Proposal

**Public Comments Concerning the Future of Intermediate**

VA should fall in with the National Registry as far as certification levels go.

**Name**

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